

Problems, Needs and Issues  
Quarterly Report  
Second Quarter, 2017

The following is a list some of the main issues of community interest the news department covered and aired during the months of April, May and June of 2017. Included is a description of each issue.

(1.) -- **WSU Education Village**...During the 2017 state legislative session local legislators worked hard to get Winona State University some 25-million dollars to finance the second phase of the university's Education Village. The money finally came through at the end of the session in the state's bonding bill after lawmakers approved a statewide bonding bill. The funds will be used to complete the three-building renovation project in Winona.....

(2.) -- **WAPS Facility Upgrades**...In June of 2017 the Winona Area Public School Board approved an 81-million dollar bond referendum to be held in November of 2017. School district voters will be asked to approve the referendum to finance upgrades to four district schools and the closing of two other elementary schools. The decisions were controversial and were covered in the news stories that aired on our stations.....

(3.) -- **60 Main Street**...During the quarter the Winona Port Authority made final decisions to hire a developer for a multi-million dollar hotel and retail complex on Main Street in Winona's downtown. The project will go along with plans for the upgrade of Levee Park adjacent to the 60 Main Street project as the city continues to work toward revitalizing the downtown area.....

(4.) -- **C-FC Referendum**...At the same time the Winona school district was working on its 81 million dollar bond referendum, the nearby Cochrane-Fountain City, Wisconsin, school district announced it will seek a 7-million dollar referendum in November. These funds will be used for upgrades to the C-FC school building complex.....

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(5.) -- **2017 Legislative Session...**At the end of May the 2017 Minnesota legislative session came to an end...sort of. Governor Mark Dayton ended up vetoing funding for the entire legislature after June 2017 in a dispute over the final budget that was passed by Republicans which threw a "poison pen" into the final budget that Dayton was forced to sign. The veto resulted in a lawsuit being filed by the Republicans to restore the funding. The two sides agreed to delay the withholding of the funding while the court case is worked out.....

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